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AUGUST LIVESTOCK PRICES UP

SIOUX FALLS, August 29, 2008 -- Preliminary August prices were up from July for spring wheat, winter wheat, sows, barrows and gilts, calves, steers and heifers, and cows, according to the South Dakota Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Preliminary prices for corn, soybeans, sunflowers, and hay were down.

For August, the preliminary winter wheat price, at \$8.08, was up 4 cents from last month and up \$2.68 from last August. The spring wheat price, at \$8.83, was 92 cents higher than last month and \$3.49 higher than last year. The August soybean price, at \$11.70, was \$1.20 lower than last month but \$4.40 higher than last year. The corn price, at \$5.06, was down 3 cents from last month but up \$1.83 from last year. The preliminary all sunflower price, at \$22.50, was down \$3.50 from last month but up \$3.00 from last year.

The preliminary August barrow and gilt price, at \$64.30, was up \$6.90 from last month and up \$11.10 from last year, while sows, at \$31.40, were up \$10.80 from July but down \$3.70 from August 2007.

The preliminary August steer and heifer price, at \$105.00, was up \$3.00 from July and up \$2.00 from August of last year. Calves, at \$109.00, were up \$4.00 from last month but down \$16.00 from August 2007.

The August alfalfa price, at \$100.00 per ton, was down \$11.00 from last month but up \$7.00 from last year. The other hay price, at \$78.00, was down \$7.00 from last month but unchanged from August 2007.

Prices Received by South Dakota Farmers

Commodity	Unit	August 2007 ¹	July 2008 ¹	August 2008 ²
		<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>
Corn	Bu.	3.23	5.09	5.06
Soybeans	Bu.	7.30	12.90	11.70
Sunflower	Cwt.	19.50	26.00	22.50
Wheat, All	Bu.	5.35	8.04	8.10
Winter	Bu.	5.40	8.04	8.08
Other Spring	Bu.	5.34	7.91	8.83
Barley, All	Bu.	NA	NA	NA
Feed	Bu.	NA	NA	NA
Malt	Bu.	NA	NA	NA
Oats	Bu.	2.32	3.11	2.98
Hay, All	Ton	90.00	108.00	97.00
Alfalfa	Ton	93.00	111.00	100.00
Other	Ton	78.00	85.00	78.00
Cattle, All Beef ³	Cwt.	94.80	92.30	98.50
Cows	Cwt.	51.70	63.30	64.50
Steers & Heifers	Cwt.	103.00	102.00	105.00
Calves ⁴	Cwt.	125.00	105.00	109.00
Hogs, All	Cwt.	50.70	51.90	59.70
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt.	53.20	57.40	64.30
Sows	Cwt.	35.10	20.60	31.40
Lambs	Cwt.	107.00	112.00	NA
Sheep	Cwt.	22.80	18.20	NA

¹ Entire month. ² Mid-month. ³ Over 500 lbs. ⁴ Under 500 lbs. NA = Not Available

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